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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Rodney Sykes, 40, of Madison, Wis., and Walter Fox, 49, of Marshall, Wis., were sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John Shabaz for conspiring to possess and distribute crack cocaine. Sykes was sentenced to 250 months in prison and Fox was sentenced to 46 months in prison. Both men will serve four years of supervised release following their release from prison.

As part of the conspiracy, Sykes and Fox delivered crack cocaine to an undercover police officer. Officers later executed a search warrant at Sykes' home and found approximately 40 grams of crack. Sykes's sentence was increased because he was found to be a leader in the conspiracy. Additionally, he had two prior felony drug convictions.

The charges against Sykes and Fox were the result of an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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